cadre deputations are also allowed to them to tide over their emergent problems.

(e) The media campaign was aimed at both men and women. The objectives were:

(i) to create an awareness among young men and women of the opportunities and challenges available in the civil service;

(ii) family life and civil service career can go together harmoniously; and

(iii) women can function as efficiently as men in the civil services.

Indignation amongst IAS and IPS Officers

1053. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep increase in resignations from IAS and IPS Officers, in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that such tendencies are due to uncertain promotion prospects in Civil Services; and

(c) what are the steps that are being taken to remove misgivings and fears amongst such officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Litigations instituted by Nationalised Banks

1054. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the banks and financial institutions have been advised to settle litigations, where possible so as to reduce expenses and over-burdening of courts all over the country;

(b) whether any survey has been done on the number of suits, cases and legal actions that have been instituted by the nationalised banks, presently pending in courts and if so, the number of such cases filed by nationalised banks; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce such litigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) While no general advice to avoid litigation has been given to the banks, as a normal rule the banks take recourse to law courts only after exhausting available remedies for recovery of their advances|enforcement of their rights, including consideration of proposals for settlements|compromises, etc.

Quick reports obtained from the 20 nationalised banks indicate that as on 31.12.1986, they had about 5.85 lakh suits pending in various courts in the country.

DAVP advertisement for Urdu newspapers

1055. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Urdu newspapers, published from Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh; Delhi and West Bengal have applied for release of DAVP advertisements; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such Urdu newspapers which have received DAVP advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI